

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2003
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street. Due to the absence of President Tim Shuppert, Vice President Tracey Phillips called the meeting to order. Members present were Wilma Jo Kile, Charlie Brown and Denny Corn. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Pool Manager Anita Carfield, Mayor Bridges and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

Minutes: Kile moved to approve the June 10th minutes. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Pool Report: Manager Anita Carfield submitted the following report:
Since the last meeting we have averaged 190 in attendance at the pool daily. This ranges from as few as 60 on the cooler, rainy days to as many as 363 on the really hot days.

Since the June 10th meeting, we have had eight (8) pool parties including one this evening. At this time, we have 15 more scheduled for July and August.

The school used the pool for P.E. classes the last two (2) weeks of June. All went well for those two (2) weeks. The only incident was a student who tried to swim the distance of the lap pool down and back under water in one (1) breath. He ran out of air and passed out just before reaching the edge. Mr. Perin, one of the teachers on duty, was the closest to him and pulled him out. After reaching the surface, he was fine and resumed swimming within five (5) minutes.

We have been busy weeding and tilling the landscape around and in the pool area.

Our lost and found has been overflowing, mostly with towels. Due to our lack of storage space for lost items, we have made two trips to Salvation Army after repeatedly reminding patrons to check for lost items.

Steph has been implementing some games for children, ages 4-14 on Saturdays as well as one other day throughout the week. The children seem to enjoy participating, but they really appreciate the free prize (a flavor-ice) for winning or just being a good sport.

The Fourth of July was a fun-filled day for everyone. We had the "Biggest Splash" and the "Smallest Splash" contest along with some relays and the "Greased Watermelon" contest. That consisted of trying to get a watermelon out of the lap pool that had been greased with Vaseline.

Family Night is now taking place on Tuesdays along with Adult Swim Night on Thursdays. Both of these meets from 6:00 – 7:00 in the evening. Water Aerobics is still continuing on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 – 6:00.

The biggest problem has been from sweat bee stings. We usually have about two (2) incidents a week. We recommend putting on flip-flops before walking through the grass to avoid any bees that may be there.

Raymond Gibson Day is scheduled for Sunday, July 20. Admission is **FREE** that day. We look forward to a large crowd and a fun day.

Claims: Kile moved to approve claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Park Report: Mathews asked questions concerning the budget and asked for a motion to approve the budget.
Corn made a motion to approve the budget for the 2004 year. Brown seconded. It will be sent to City Council. Motion carried.

Any changes and or cuts made by the Mayor on the budget will go through the Parks Board and Mathews.

Discussed the tax rate and not knowing what it will be. Will try to be patient with Council.

Mathews reported that lights are in the gazebo. Looks great!

Trying to get a Country Band Night on August 17th. Have confirmed bands. Will let us know more later.

Mathews stated he needs a roller for the Park. Has found one for \$1,000, which is heavy duty. Will do what we need it to do.

Corn asked what he would pull it with? Mathews said he would use his Kubota.

Kile questioned if we have enough money in the Non-Reverting Fund? Mathews assured her we had the money.

Mathews said it would be used a lot in the parks, ball diamonds, etc.

Kile motioned to purchase the roller. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews handed out copies of his job description.

New Business: Weddings at the Gazebo – People removing tables and not returning them.

Need to explain that the tables need to be returned.

Mathews asked that we charge an extra \$30.00 that will be returned as long as the tables are replaced.

Phillips asked about man-hours to return the tables to gazebo?

Kile said the fee needs to be high enough to encourage them to replace tables.

The Mayor said it takes \$30.00 to rent it.

Phillips, Kile and the Mayor felt the fee should be \$50.00 and that \$50.00 would be more appropriate.

Mathews has to do extra work on Sunday to replace the tables.

Phillips said with the vandalism now we need a damage deposit.

Kile motioned to make a \$50.00 damage deposit on the gazebo.

Mayor thought maybe a deposit on all shelter houses was needed.

Brown mentioned holding the check until the place was inspected. If it was clean then the check would be returned.

Kile made a motion to charge a \$50.00 damage deposit for all shelter houses and gazebo. Plus the \$30.00 charge for Memorial Shelter, Laughlin Shelter and the Gazebo.

Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews will make up a list of things that need to be done to get back the deposit. Things such as trash, tables, etc. The renter will get a copy and sign it. All must be done to get back the deposit.

Brown read to the board the thank you letter from Big Brothers and Big Sisters thanking the Parks Board for the donation of Pool Passes that were given out for the Bowl for Kids Sake.

Brown asked about weed kill on path to walking trail at South Veterans Park. Also about fence at T-Ball, it is per Mathews that it is the T-Ball's responsibility.
No one from Park to his knowledge has hit the fence.

Board asked about mulch for flowerbed. Mathews was busy last week and will try to get to it.

Asked about steps on gazebo. Mathews said it will be fixed.

ARC asked about paving Jackson to walking trail for handicap to get to gazebo. Still in the works.

There being no further business, Kile made a motion to adjourn. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

TIM SHUPPERT, PRESIDENT

TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JACK HARMON, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CHARLES BROWN, ACTING SECRETARY